there would be an enormous number of cases which would be brought up in this same way though for different reasons. It goes against the general principle that where a special machinery or tribunal has been provided for contesting such orders passed under the Criminal Procedure Code we should not take powers to revise them through adjournment motions. If the hon. Member considers there is a case of breach of privilege of this House there are also means provided for it, and the Speaker should be requested to take action separately. So, Sir, on these grounds, I think, there is a clear case for ruling the motion out of order, as far as I can see. Sir, this is all I have to say on behalf of Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to rule the motion of Mr. Viswanatham out of order. For, the order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, was passed in the course of the day-to-day administration of the Government. Further the motion is anticipating a matter which is to come up before the House to-morrow. So, for these two reasons I rule the motion out of order."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, now that you have been pleased to rule the motion out of order I want to press my submission on the ground of privilege."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take it up to-morrow."

(2) ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* ALLEGED POLICE LATHI CHARGE AND SOME ARRESTS ON 6TH MAY 1952.

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to move the following motion :—

'*That the business of this House be now adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the situation created by the action of the Police authorities in arresting nine persons and causing injuries to many due to a lathi charge on the 6th May 1952 in Madras City.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I would request the hon. Member to be brief."

* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Yesterday evening, Sir, as you might have known, about nine persons have been arrested by the Police here."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not only yesterday, but almost every day I am hearing of such a thing."

* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—' Sir, yesterday evening, very near this Assembly premises about nine persons were arrested and taken away in a police van. Most of the members of the House witnessed that scene. So it is not correct to say that this is a day-to-day administrative matter, as you were pleased to remark in the case of the previous adjournment motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is not the hon. Member's motion the same as the previous motion? "

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* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" No, Sir, it is an entirely different matter. This has nothing to do with the Section 144 order. Besides the arrest of nine persons, there was a lathi charge on innocent people in the streets nearby this Assembly building. This issue cannot be taken before a court of law as the previous one which you ruled out of order just now. For here is a case in which the Police lathi-charged the people who were passing by the Assembly building yesterday, and all this harassment by the police cannot be taken before a court of law. Moreover, Sir, I take objection to saying that this matter can be discussed during the debate on the Governor's address to-morrow.

" Mr. Speaker, the Governor did not anticipate . . ." 11-15 a.m.

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If it is a matter entirely independent of the previous motion, upon which a ruling has been given, the hon. Member might remember that this is different from that one and, therefore, he cannot refer to the speeches made in connection with the previous motion and reply to them."

* SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" I am not referring to the speeches made in connection with the previous motion nor am I replying to them. The only point I wish to point out to you, Sir, is that this could not be taken to a court of law and secondly, this point cannot be discussed during the debate on the Governor's Address because the Governor himself did not anticipate that there will be lathi charge by the police here and he did not mention anything about it in his Address."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Is there no other way of discussing this matter? Should I postpone the business of the House for this purpose? "

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" I do not like to go out of the way, Sir; I want to confine myself to the rules."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member can put a question and ask for an half hour debate."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" If you, Sir, cannot allow this adjournment motion, I am prepared to accept your advice."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Not to-day; let the hon. Member put a short notice question."

(Sri Pillalamarri Venkateswarlu rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" When I am on my legs, the hon. Member should resume his seat. The motion reads as follows :—

' That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely—The situation created by the action of the Police authorities in arresting nine persons and causing injuries to many due to a lathi charge by them on the 6th May in the City.'

"As I have already told the House—I hope the House has listened to it—I gave two reasons why a motion of this nature cannot be entertained. In their day-to-day administration, the Government will be passing several orders and those things cannot be the subject-matter of a motion like this. Secondly when there is another opportunity for this House to discuss the matter, I cannot see any reason why the House should take up the discussion of this matter to the exclusion of other business at 4-30 p.m. On the basis of the rule of anticipation and also on the ground of the matter being one which arises out of the day-to-day administration of the Government, I rule the motion out of order."

II.—CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES ON THE ELECTION OF SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have now a more pleasant function to perform, namely, of congratulating you on your having been elected as the Speaker of this Assembly for a second time. I was hoping that the choice in respect of this high office would be unanimous but unfortunately the parties chose this occasion for a preliminary trial of strength. But anyhow, on behalf of all the Members here, I can assure you that no bitterness has been left behind this contest and what pleased me most was that the hon. Gentleman, Sri Nagi Reddi, the leader of the Communist Party was good enough to recognize your election as the Speaker and participated in the pleasant function of conducting you to the Chair. Sir, during the past five years and more you have been discharging the functions of the Speaker with distinction, if I may say so, and I am sure that during your present tenure of office, you will keep up the high traditions of this office. The Speaker is looked upon as the custodian of the rights and privileges of the Members of the House. While it is so, we have got to remember that these rights and privileges would be completely illusory unless hon. Members observe strictly the duties and obligations cast upon them. I am afraid, Sir, that it will be your function more often to exercise your authority to see that hon. Members perform their duties and obligations faithfully and truly so that the rights and privileges to which hon. Members are entitled could be properly safeguarded and in that difficult task, Sir, I can assure you on behalf of hon. Members here that you will have our co-operation.

" Before I conclude, I would like to say a few words about our temporary Speaker, Mr. P. T. Rajan. On behalf of the Government and on behalf of hon. Members, I will have to express our grateful thanks to him for the manner in which he has discharged his duty as Provisional Speaker. You will pardon me, Sir, if I say that when he was about to vacate his Chair, we had a pang of regret.

" Lastly, I have to congratulate my hon. Friend, Mr. Bhaktavatsalu Nayudu, on his election as the Deputy Speaker. He has a long record of legislative experience and I hope with your co-operation and with the co-operation of hon. Members, he will be able to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of one and all."